



City of NORFOLK

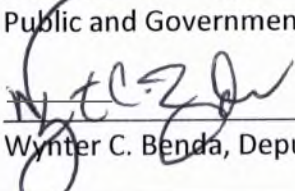
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To the Honorable Council
City of Norfolk, Virginia

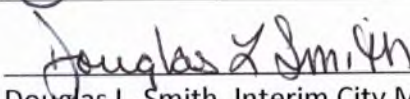
December 13, 2016

From: Michelle Washington
Public and Government Relations Manager

Subject: City of Norfolk 2017 Priorities
Package

Reviewed: 
Wynter C. Benda, Deputy City Manager

Ward/Superward: N/A

Approved: 
Douglas L. Smith, Interim City Manager

Item Number:

R-6

- I. **Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution approving the City of Norfolk's (the "city's") 2017 Priorities Package.
- II. **Applicant:** City of Norfolk
- III. **Description:**
This is a resolution affirming Norfolk City Council's ("City Council's") final passage of the city's 2017 Priorities Package in its entirety.
- IV. **Analysis:**
Please see the attached package for the city's 2017 legislative priorities for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States government.
- V. **Financial Impact**
N/A
- VI. **Environmental**
N/A
- VII. **Community Outreach/Notification**
City Council discussed the proposed legislative priorities at the City Council retreat on September 19 and 20, then again at the City Council meeting on October 11, 2016, and also at the Annual Legislative Dinner on November 1, 2016. Additionally, city staff posted a draft version of the legislative priorities on the city's website on November 22, 2016, along with contact information for residents to leave questions or comments. Public notification for this agenda item was also conducted through the city's agenda notification process.

VIII. Board/Commission Action

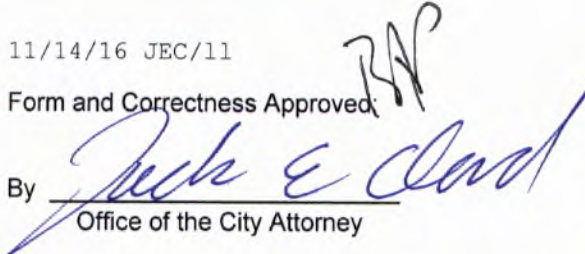
These priorities were developed in conjunction with, and with input from, Norfolk Public Schools, along with guidance from city staff as well as from regional partnership groups such as the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia First Cities.

IX. Coordination/Outreach

This letter and ordinance have been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Communications and Public Relations.

Supporting Material from the City Attorney's Office:

- Resolution
- 2017 Legislative Priorities Package

Form and Correctness Approved: 

By

Office of the City Attorney

Contents Approved:

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Resolution

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF NORFOLK.

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WHEREAS, the Council carefully considered each of the
City's Legislative Priorities for 2017 and wishes now to formally
approve and adopt them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk's 2017 Legislative
Priorities Package has been advertised and made available to the
public for review and comment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Council hereby approves the
2017 Legislative Priorities Package in its entirety, a
copy of which is attached to this Resolution.

Section 2:- That the Council authorizes and directs
the proper City officials to take all necessary actions
to present this Resolution, together with any supporting
documentation, to the appropriate Commonwealth and
Federal officials.

Section 3:- That this Resolution shall be in effect
from and after the date of its adoption.

Norfolk strives to create and improve safe, healthy and inclusive communities, a strong foundation for lifelong learning, and a robust, diverse economy with opportunity and prosperity for all.

To forge that vision, our city supports policies and legislation to uphold five core principals and priorities:

Resilience Norfolk and its residents will continue to design the coastal community of the future. We will create economic opportunity by advancing efforts to grow new and existing industry sectors. We will advance initiatives to connect communities, deconcentrate poverty and strengthen neighborhoods.

Transportation Norfolk and its residents will continue to create a transportation network that provides access and connectivity across every platform – air, land and sea – as well as across neighborhoods, our region, our state, our nation and our globe. We will integrate that network with a system of complete streets that allow access for all.

Education Norfolk's residents will benefit from world-class learning opportunities at every age and in every neighborhood, in our schools, our libraries, our colleges, and our job centers. We will nurture a network for lifelong learning.

Safety Norfolk residents will live in communities free from crime and other threats, with protection and service from trained, skilled, and seasoned police officers, firefighters, utility workers and other emergency responders.

Healthy Neighborhoods Norfolk and its residents will work together to develop greater quality of life for all neighborhoods, with efficient and effective services, high citywide standards and support for community-based organizations.

Current legislative concerns

Resilience

Continue momentum in the push for a comprehensive approach to flood control and water infrastructure priorities, including support for:

- A State Office of Resiliency
- Additional funding for flood control and water infrastructure projects
- Identify a dedicated funding source for the Virginia Shoreline Resiliency Fund
- Advance recommendations of the Joint Subcommittee on Coastal Flooding

Transportation

Pursue policies that will build on recent gains in transportation funding to accomplish significant projects:

- Establish a protective floor on the 2.1 percent regional gas tax, much as was done for the statewide fuels tax in 58.1-2217. Such a floor concept is essential to provide a more stable,

dedicated revenue source needed for long-term financing of regional projects at the most competitive rates possible.

- Amend the Code of Virginia so motor vehicle travel lanes that have been converted to bicycle travel lanes shall continue to be included in the “moving-lane-miles” calculation used by the Department of Transportation for determining urban street maintenance payments.

Education

- Preserve FY '17-18 K-12 state funding increases. Preserve funding in At-Risk Add on programs, Teacher Improvement funds, and Virginia Teacher Residency Program. Preserve funding to support teacher raises, and the “flexible” lottery funding.
- Support for a Career and Technical High School

Safety and Healthy Neighborhoods

- Maintain local authority to regulate internet-based businesses, including short term rental platforms such as AirBnB.

Naval Station Norfolk Centennial

- A resolution in celebration and gratitude for 100 years of service and security from Naval Station Norfolk

Continuing Commonwealth legislative concerns

- Authorize a state study of Hampton Roads Transportation to identify **funding mechanisms for transit**.
- Support **redistricting reforms** that include the use of a non-partisan independent commission to draw state legislative and congressional districts that preserve the integrity of existing local government political boundaries and precincts.
- **Fully expand Medicaid** as provided by the Affordable Care Act to provide medical insurance coverage for a significant number of Virginia and Norfolk’s uninsured citizens.
- Oppose all legislative proposals to overhaul the **Business, Professional and Occupational License Tax** that do not provide the replacement of the locality’s lost tax and/or revenue generating authority.
- Protect historic rehabilitation tax credits.
- Reinsert in the procedural resolution that governs the conduct of the 2017 General Assembly session the requirement that all legislative **bills with local government fiscal impacts** to have their impacts identified within a week of their introduction to the General Assembly.
- Oppose legislation that removes **Virginia local government nutrient allocations** currently assigned to existing municipal wastewater treatment plants.
- Place reasonable **limits on eligible deferred roadway maintenance** for all future Public Private Transportation projects.
- Uphold the **moratorium on uranium mining** in Virginia.

Federal concerns

- Continue momentum in the push for a comprehensive approach to flood control and water infrastructure priorities, including continued funding for Army Corps of Engineers projects for beach replenishment at Willoughby Spit, the Norfolk Flood Control study, and the Joint Land Use Study.
- Pursue restoration of Urban Area Security Initiative funding to Hampton Roads.
- Continue support for significant transportation projects including completion of the Tier II EIS for passenger rail from Hampton Roads to Richmond, and Trains 2 and 3 from Norfolk to Richmond
- Maintain progress on significant transportation projects including Interstate 64 widening from Hampton Roads to Richmond and an additional Harbor Crossing to ensure shovel-readiness for federal infrastructure investments.